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TO: FBI.

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN EMBASSY REPORTING ON ITS CONTACTS WITH
CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER

1. SUBJECT INFORMATION WAS COMMUNICATED TELEPHONICALLY TO
DIRECTOR, FBI BY THE DCI. THIS COMMUNICATION CONFIRMS
THAT CONVERSATION

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF
AN ITEM THAT APPEARED IN THE 17 SEPTEMBER 1985 NICARAGUAN
MINEX/DRI BULLETIN. THE "BULLETIN" IS A CLASSIFIED DAILY
COMPENDIUM OF ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES COMPILED BY THE NICARAGUAN
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF THE SANDINISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. IT WAS
PROVIDED TO US BY A SENSITIVE [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES
CONVERSATION WITH JOHNSON, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OF THE
HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE, WHO TRAVELLED THROUGH
EL SALVADOR AND COSTA RICA.

SOURCE: EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA (WASHINGTON)

UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON (JOHNSON) EXPRESSED:

THE COSTA RICANS JUSTIFY THEIR LACK OF DISPOSITION TO
DIALOGUE WITH NICARAGUA SAYING THAT THEY WOULD DRAW ATTENTION
AWAY FROM CONTADORA AND POSTPONE EVIDENCE OF THE NECESSITY OF
REACHING A GLOBAL (I.E. OVERALL) AGREEMENT.

SUGGESTED THAT HE DOES NOT SEE PROGRESS IN CONTADORA AND
THAT NICARAGUA IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TEN TIMES MORE REASONABLE
IN ORDER TO OBLIGE THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA TO SIGN A
DRAFT TREATY, EVEN IF THEY DO IT OUT OF SHAME.

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT ASK FOR MILITARY HELP FOR THE
CONTRAS OVER THE SHORT TERM. THE MOST PROBABLE IS THAT THEY DO
IT AFTER MARCH 1986.

HE CONSIDERS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION COULD OBTAIN THE
THREE DISBURSEMENTS OF \$9 MILLION EACH WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF
RENEWING TALKS IN MANZANILLO. THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE
POLITICAL CLIMATE.

THE U.S. ARE HOLDING MANZANILLO BACK AS AN ACE-IN-THE-HOLE
TO BE USED WHEN THEY NEED IT TO OBTAIN MORE FUNDS FOR THE
CONTRAS, OR IF THE U.S. POLITICAL CLIMATE CALLS FOR IT."

2. THE JOHNSON REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT IS PROBABLY
VICTOR C. JOHNSON, STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL
BARNES (D-MD).

3. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. ALL PORTIONS CARRY
CLASSIFICATIONS AND CONTROLS OF OVERALL DOCUMENT. DECL DADR

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